

APPENDIX VI

DATA AND RECOMMENDATIONS
PERTINENT TO
LOCATION OF
HISTORIC RESOURCES

LIST OF KEY INFORMANTS:

I. Local Museums, Historical, and Archaeological Societies

GILROY HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Carnegie Library Building, 195 5th Street, Gilroy 95020, (842-8207). The Historical Museum is directed by Mr. Armond White, who is assisted by Mrs. Pirene. The Museum contains many documents and objects of historical importance to the area, including little-known unpublished works. Mrs. Pirene is very willing to help researchers.

GILROY HISTORICAL SOCIETY: This society meets at the call of the president. The current president is Mr. Paul Matulich, 7620 Filice Drive, Gilroy (842-4821). Mr. Matulich knows much local history and is especially helpful in identifying other local informants who have specialized knowledge of the area. Mr. George White, active society member, comes from a pioneer family of Gilroy. Mr. White provided us with additional information about the area. He can be contacted at 7700 Prince Valle Road, Gilroy (842-3049).

HISTORICAL HERITAGE COMMISSION: This Santa Clara County commission has recently been formed to advise the Board of Supervisors on the following points:

- a) On all matters pertaining to the recognition, inventorying, acquisition and preservation of sites, buildings, events, documents, and artifacts pertaining to the historical and cultural heritage of Santa Clara County,
- b) On nominations of state points of historic interest and the nomination for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places,
- c) On the maintenance of the Santa Clara County Inventory of Historic Sites and Landmarks (Ordinance No. NS-3.00.172).

The Commission shall work with other civic and municipal groups interested in the historical heritage of the County of Santa Clara. Two members of the Commission, Mr. Ken Colson of Saratoga, and Mr. Robert Rice of Morgan Hill, have been particularly helpful to us. Mr. Colson can be contacted c/o West Valley College, Anthropology Department, 14000 Fruitvale Avenue, Saratoga 95070 (867-2200). Mr. Rice can be contacted through the Morgan Hill Historical Society (see below).

HISTORIC TASK FORCE OF SAN JOSE: This is a committee within the San Jose Junior League. Mrs. Raymond Sampson, a member of the Task Force, is doing an extensive survey of the historic resources of the southern Santa Clara Valley. Her findings will be used by the County Landmarks Commission and will also be published as an appendix in a forthcoming book by Phyllis Butler. Mrs. Sampson can be contacted at 19045 Sunnyside Drive, Saratoga 95070 (345-3027).

MILLIKEN MUSEUM: Los Banos, California. This museum houses the lifetime collections of the late Ralph Leroy Milliken. Mr. Milliken was a longtime resident of the San Juan Bautista-Los Banos area. His collections contain archaeological artifacts and objects from historical periods of the southern Santa Clara and San Joaquin Valleys. We found the unpublished collections of San Juan Bautista papers to be an invaluable source of information about post-secularization Indian settlements. At present, these documents are kept in an old sea-captain's chest and are available to researchers on request. The museum is currently being reorganized by its director, Mr. Jose, and his assistant, Mrs. Koontz.

MORGAN HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Contact incumbent president, Mr. Leon Thomas, 510 Clairmont Drive, Morgan Hill (779-2787). Mr. Thomas is descended from a pioneer family of the Morgan Hill-Madrone area. He has written many articles on local history.

SAN BENITO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY: The Headquarters of the Society are to be in a museum now under construction. The incumbent president is William Aikle, 1621 Cienega Road, Hollister (637-3216). Marjorie and Dorothy Flint are members of this society and of the San Juan Bautista Society. The Flints are descendants of a pioneer family of the San Juan Valley, and are gracious, helpful informants. The Flint sisters live at 482 South Street, Hollister. Mr. Dick Hill, another society member, has studied the Tres Pinos and Pacines areas. Mr. Hill can be contacted through the San Benito Historical Society.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: This society of local archaeologists and amateurs provided essential volunteer work and information. The current president is Mrs. Judy Bergthold, 15082 Lynn Avenue, Los Gatos 95030 (356-4280). Mr. Phil Roehr, Vice-President of the Society, 2483 Beachwood Avenue, San Jose 95128 (243-1718), has extensive data on prehistoric sites. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Thomas, 5730 Hardner Street, San Jose 95129 (255-6048), are particularly interested in the history of the Santa Cruz Mountains, and have begun collecting data from pioneers of that area.

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY: This society meets at the call of the president. The incumbent president is Mr. Richard Gularte, P.O. Box 1, 308 3rd Street, San Juan Bautista 95045 (623-4842). The San Juan Bautista Historical Society, a very active, energetic group, is working hard to preserve the historic atmosphere of the San Juan Bautista area. Mr. Martin Penn, a society member, has intensively studied the history of San Juan Bautista, and is an invaluable source of information concerning historic and prehistoric sites in the area. Mr. Penn can be contacted c/o P.O. Box 1071, San Juan Bautista (623-4961). Mrs. Mary Poole, 405 2nd Street, San Juan Bautista (623-4322), is another energetic society member, who is active in the affairs of the historical society.

II. Individuals:

BAGOOD, JULIO: 8251 Forest, Gilroy (842-4256). Mr. Bagood was born in the Philippines and came to the Gilroy area in 1923. He is one of the few Filipinos to still reside in the area. Mr. Bagood has worked in a variety

of agricultural and industrial jobs in the area. He is very conversant in the agricultural history of the area.

LOW, FOOK: 7240 Egleberry, Gilroy (842-2314). Mr. Low is a member of the Chinese community of Gilroy. His father came to the area as a young man. Mr. Low is knowledgeable in the history of the local Chinese community.

KUNIMURA, MASARU: 7361 Carmel Street, Gilroy (842-5163). Mr. Kunimura is a Neisi of Gilroy. He has experienced life in the Gilroy area as a child and through the evacuation and relocation during World War II. As proprietor of a local Japanese-owned store, Mr. Kunimura is a valuable informant concerning the history of the Japanese community.

III. Other References Not Included in the Bibliography:

KINTZ, JEAN D.: "Preliminary Work Sheet and Summary: The Historical Resources of Santa Clara County. An Exercise in Historiography", De Anza College, Dr. Travis, March 1972. This is part of De Anza College's local history project and is available in the Gilroy Historical Museum (see above). We did not discover this paper on local historical references until late in our project. It is a good source, and had we known of its existence we could have saved some research time.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE LOCATION OF HISTORIC SITES:

For those undertaking historic sites archaeology in the study area, we suggest the following research approaches:

1. Collect all possible written data about the history of land-use and control in the specific study area. Land-use is an important indicator of which occupational types were likely to have lived in the study area. Ethnic and racial groups were often significantly associated with specific crops. The Gilroy Museum in our project area has one of the most extensive collections of local documents. The California Room of the San Jose Public Library and the Bancroft Library at the University of California, Berkeley, are other important sources of written material.
2. Collect oral data from property owners. Property owners often know of specific remains or of the location of sites no longer visible on the surface, and often have otherwise unavailable data on land-use.
3. If possible, once sites are located, talk with members of the local community who are personally involved in the history of the site. For example, interview Filipino descendants of workers who were employed on the Ferry-Morse seed farm.

While some of these recommendations may appear self-evident, it is important to assure that they are considered, if the often-ephemeral structure of historic sites is to be understood in the field.

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